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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The Government are not aware of any cases of complaint on that ground."

Mr. K. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know whether the Government are aware of more serious defects among the servants of Government who have not on that ground been asked to retire?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"No, Sir."

Appointment of acting High Court Judges.

*677 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what considerations the recent appointments of acting High Court Judges were made;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu was appointed acting High Court Judge from last year; and that on his reversion he was specially thanked by the bar for his valuable services; and

(*c*) for what reasons the claims of M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu for a High Court Judgeship were overlooked on this occasion, and whether it is a fact that M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu has taken long leave for 28 months preparatory to retirement and that he has done so in consequence of what he considers an injustice done to him?

A.—(*a*) Public interests.

(*b*) M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu was appointed to act as a Judge of the High Court in 1926; the Government have no information on the second point in the clause.

(*c*) His 'claims' were not overlooked. He has been granted leave for 28 months but when applying for the leave he did not state that he intends to retire at the end of it. The Government are not aware that he applied for leave in consequence of what he considers an injustice done to him.

Alleged supersession of Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti.

*678 Q—Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) why Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti was not appointed to the post of acting High Court Judge when the vacancy arose on July 18 and why his claims for such a place in which he had acted before have been overlooked; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti has taken long leave preparatory to retirement?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 677.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"With reference to (*a*), may I know in what year the recent appointment to the High Court referred to was made?"

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The hon Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The hon. Member's question relates to recent appointments and the answer refers to those which were made this year."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" Who was the Law Member at the time when Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti was appointed as the Acting District Judge and also at the time when the recent appointments were made ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The appointment is made by Government as a whole."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" I do not know whether the hon. the Law Member feels any delicacy in the matter ; if not, will he kindly let the House know who was the Law Member in charge of this portfolio when the recent appointments were made."

Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar :—" Was Mr. Sundaram Chettiyar's leave application pending when the appointments were made or was it received after that ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice."

Grant of pension for copyists.

* 679 *Q.*—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of taking copyists into the regular service with the benefit of pension, leave, etc., and have passed any orders about the matter ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to clause (*a*) of question No. 462.

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Mr. President, Sir, . . ." 11-15 a.m.

The hon. the President :—" The Parliamentary practice is within the same session questions regarding answers cannot be put. I am inclined at present to interpret Standing Order 12 (7) thus—that questions once fully answered may not be asked again. Really the office should have checked it, but on account of the numerous questions coming in, the office was not able to do it and the Member now says that it was already answered. Therefore, I have now to say that I am not inclined to allow any supplementary questions."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" May I make one submission, Sir ? The reference given is 462. I have got a stencil copy here. That question was :

' (*a*) whether the Government have received memorials from the copyists in some Courts of the Presidency to the effect that the recent order increasing their pay to Rs. 20 a month has not done them any good, that their pay should therefore be increased and that their appointment should be made pensionable ;

' (*b*) whether as a matter of fact all the Civil Courts copyists have been receiving more than Rs. 20 a month, except for one month during the holidays ; and

' (*c*) whether the Government have passed any and, if so, what final orders in this matter ? '